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REMARKS

Claims 1-12 remain under consideration.

A. Independent claims 1, 5, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kiel et al. (2003/0027549).

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kiel et al., US Patent Publication Number 2003/0027549 (hereinafter Kiel). This rejection is traversed.

“[F]or anticipation under 35 U.S.C. §102, a single reference must teach every aspect of the claimed invention either explicitly or impliedly. Any feature not directly taught must be inherently present.” [MPEP §706.02.] “The identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the . . . claim.” *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 868 F.2d 1226, 1236, USPQ2d 1913, 1920 (Fed. Cir. 1989).

With regard to Applicants’ independent claim 1, at a minimum, Kiel does not teach “transmitting the data encoding the purchased calling time from the portable networking device to an onboard system.”

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Kiel teaches a communication device, typically a wireless communication device, installed with or connected to an activity-monitoring unit, which has a data storage that stores data that includes a client credit data record. *See* [0009]; Fig. 1. The client credit data of the client is transmitted, from a prepayment scheme server utility to said activity-monitoring unit that continuously monitors the communication activity of the communication device, calculates a billing amount based on the communication activity and the billing rules, and permits communication activity to proceed until the credit has been exhausted. *See* [0010]. Kiel is limited to saving the client credit data to the wireless communication device, where it is used without further transmission.

For at least the reasons shown above, Kiel does not teach every aspect of Applicants' pending independent claim 1. Therefore, the rejection of this claim must fall. Because Applicants' pending independent claims 5 and 9 stand rejected by the Examiner on the basis of containing the same limitations as claim 1, the rejection of these claims must also fall. Withdrawal of the rejections of independent claims 1, 5, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kiel is therefore respectfully requested.

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B. Dependent claims 2-4, 6-8, and 10-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kiel et al. (2003/0027549).

Claims 2-4 depend from independent claim 1, claims 6-8 depend from independent claim 5, and claims 10-12 depend from independent claim 9. Therefore, dependent claims 2-4 include all of the elements and limitations of independent claim 1, dependent claims 6-8 include all of the elements and limitations of independent claim 5, and dependent claims 10-12 include all of the elements and limitations of independent claim 9. It is therefore respectfully submitted by Applicants that dependent claims 2-4, 6-8, and 10-12 are allowable for at least the same reasons as set forth herein with respect to independent claims 1, 5, and 9. Withdrawal of the rejections of dependent claims 2-4, 6-8, and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kiel is therefore respectfully requested.

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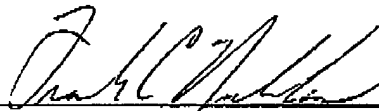
CONCLUSION

The Examiner's rejections have been obviated by the above remarks. The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-12 fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102(e). In view of the foregoing remarks, favorable consideration and passage to issue of the present application are respectfully requested.

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